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HEAVEN"

**The Church of God
Evangel**

CLEVELAND, TENN.

MATT. 28:19. MARK 16:15

ALL NATIONS. EVERY CREATURE.

GOD'S LOVE

MY MOTHER

Mrs. Charlotte Stacey

The Church of God Evangel,
The paper Mother loved so well,
The paper she gave us to read
When preparing to leave her door.
"Live humble and don't forget to pray,"
Were the words she told us o'er and o'er.
There's a mansion in heaven
That Jesus has prepared
For Mother and her children
When death shall bring them there.
So now, dear children, and grand ones as well,
Let's all be prepared in that mansion to dwell.
I still like to go back to that lovely old home
place
But I can never go there again to Mother's
embrace,
But I'll meet her some day in heaven
Where I shall behold her sweet face.

THE GROUND OF

EPH. 2:20

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"And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and
there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying,
neither shall there be any more pain. . . ." Rev. 21:4.

1 TIM. 3:15

Jan. 13, 1945

INDEED APPRECIATIVE

NORFOLK, Va.—It would be hard for me to express my appreciation to the Church of God here in Norfolk while being in the service of our country. It has caused me in a greater way to realize the value of a true church, the many good people I have learned to love, and our good pastor, Rev. Harry E. Sells. Of course, I will have to thank God for my good Christian parents, for teaching me, even when just a child, the value of living for the Lord. Anyway, I can truthfully say that I am thankful for this wonderful opportunity and for the privilege of the many times I have been fortunate to be here. I believe that it is only through God's will that this is made possible.

The good singing and the good preaching have been a real treat to me, and I believe there are many more here who can say the same. Of course, I am more than sorry that I have not been able to do more for the church here financially and spiritually, but I am hoping and praying if it be God's will that this mighty scourge of war will soon come to an end and we will be free to work for God and be a blessing to the Church as God sees fit to use us. We believe the church here will grow in membership, as well as elsewhere, and will be even of greater value to this community.

There is a revival now in progress at the church. Help us pray that the report will be many souls saved, which this community needs so much. We see so much sin on every hand, at times we are made to wonder, but we realize that in the last days there will be many who will be lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God, so with malice toward none, with charity for all and with firmness in the right as God gives us to see the right, let us strive to hold to God's unchanging hand.

I hope to have a great interest in the prayers of all who know the value of prayer, that wherever I have to go I will always be found doing only the things that God would have me do and that I might receive a greater experience.—S. V. Cline, AMM 2/c, A&R Shop 600, U.S.N.A.S., Norfolk, Va.

CEDAR SPRINGS, Tenn.—We just ended a four weeks' revival at Cedar Springs. God really blessed. Nine were saved, seven sanctified, two filled with the Holy Ghost, five added to the church and three baptized in water. Brother Everett Murdock, of Spring City, Tenn., was the evangelist. God generously anointed him almost every night, placing conviction strong upon sinners and drawing the saints closer to Him.

Everyone who knows the worth of prayer, please pray for our little humble church, that God will keep all of the saints close to Him so He can manifest His mighty power through them.—Eli Cannon, pastor.

HAYNES, N. Dak.—Dear Brothers and Sisters in the Lord, I have been reading the Evangel. It is a blessed little paper. I always like to read the foreign mission page and revivals and always praise God for souls being filled with the Holy Ghost. I enjoyed Brother Edwin Woodin's letter so much. May God call many of our young folks to carry the Master's Word to these foreign lands. It must be wonderful to work among souls hungry for the gospel.

We have had such a wonderful revival in Lemmon, S. Dak. Brother and Sister Claude Hunt, of Portland, Ore., were wonderful in holding the revival. Souls were saved, nine filled with the Holy Ghost, sixteen baptized in water, and eleven added to the church in the three weeks of the revival. We were all made to see our need of walking closer to our blessed Savior. It makes my heart rejoice when I read

our Service boys' letters in the Evangel and Lighted Pathway. Surely these are testimonies from boys and girls who are having a real battle to fight, being called to go far away from home and friends to give their lives, if need be, for us to continue in this wonderful United States in peace and comfort. Oh, if we could only make the lost see what a wonderful Lord we have. I only wish I had given my life to Him when I was young. We have four boys and four girls and my prayers are for them to be workers and soul savers for Him. It is not much use to work unless we try to get souls saved. Since the revival, that is my greatest desire.

I know our Lemmon folks scattered over the country will be glad to read of how God has been blessing the folks at Lemmon, S. Dak. God bless you all.—Sister Christian.

ROBINSON FORK, Va.—We have just closed a wonderful revival here at Robinson Fork, Va., with Sister Della R. Patrick as the evangelist. The Lord blessed in a great way in every service.

Seven were saved, three sanctified, one filled with the Holy Ghost and six united with the Church of God. This being a new place for the Church of God we organized a church with six members.

We thank the Lord for a humble servant like Sister Patrick, one who will let the Lord direct her and willing to let Him have His way.

During the revival people were healed of goitres on their necks and
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Letters Cheer Soldier

Dear Friends:

I am writing an answer to the letters I received from you. It is about time I am answering them. Please excuse writing, for I am very poor at writing. I was surely glad to hear from you. It really cheers a fellow up to get a letter once in a while. I do not write much so do not get much mail. I do not know what to write or what to say except thanks for writing me. I kind of felt good to know that someone was thinking of me.

All I can say is pray for the boys

who are fighting over there. You are doing a grand job and I know that many of the boys are thinking the same thing.—Yours truly, Pvt. George Christensen, 34928153, Co. L, 3rd Regt. Depot No. 2, Fort Ord, Calif.

Notice

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The General Overseer Speaks

JOHN C. JERNIGAN

THE CRUCIFIXION OF CHRIST

Text: "And when they were come to the place which is called Calvary, there they crucified him, and the malefactors, the one on the right hand, and the other on the left," Luke 23:33.

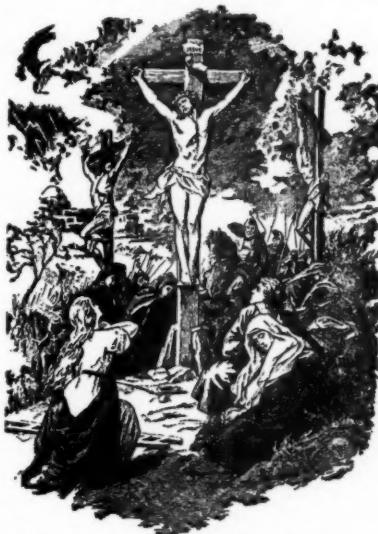
Pilate, a Roman ruler, after being thoroughly convinced of the divinity and the innocency of Christ, against his own convictions and conscience yielded to the clamoring mob of the scribes and Pharisees, scourged Jesus and delivered Him to the Roman soldiers for execution, the soldiers being under command of the centurion, who was a Roman army officer, customarily in command of one hundred soldiers. This particular officer, however, could have had under his command less than the full number.

We do not know just where the law of crucifying victims originated, but as far back as Joseph's imprisonment in the Egyptian prison, such laws were in effect. In the same prison with Joseph were the king's baker and butler who each had a dream that troubled them. Joseph interpreted their dreams which was, "Yet within three days shall Pharaoh lift up thy head from off thee and shall hang thee on a tree, and the birds shall eat thy flesh from off thee." The cross was often referred to as a tree, and there is no doubt but what the chief baker died upon the cross and hanged there until the birds ate his flesh away, as was often the custom.

Where this method of execution originated is unknown, but it is probable that the Jews borrowed it from the Romans. It was considered the most horrible form of death one could die, and was used in the case of the vilest criminals. The one to be crucified was to be stripped naked of all his clothes and then followed the most awful moment of all. He was laid down upon the implement of torture. His arms were stretched along the crossbeams, and at the center of the open palms the point of a huge iron nail was placed, which, with the blow of a mallet, was driven home into the wood. Then through either foot, sep-

arately or possibly through both together as they were placed one over the other, another huge nail tore its way through the quivering flesh.

To prevent the hands and feet being torn away by the weight of the body, which could rest upon nothing but four great wounds, there was about the center of the cross a wooden projection strong enough to support at least a part of the human body, which soon became a weight of agony. Then the accursed tree, with its living human burden, was slowly heaved up and the end fixed firmly in



a hole in the ground. The feet were but a little above the earth. The victim was within easy reach of every cruel hand that desired to strike him.

Death by crucifixion seemed to include all the pain and suffering that could possibly go with death. The victim died from cramp, thirst, starvation, sleeplessness, fever, mortification of unattended wounds; all intensified just up to the point at which they can be endured at all, but all stopping just short of the point to give the sufferer the relief of unconsciousness.

The unnatural position made every movement painful. The lacerated veins and crushed tendons throbbed

with anguish and pain; the wounds, inflamed by exposure, gradually gangrened; the arteries, especially of the head and stomach, became swollen and oppressed with blood; and while each variety of misery went on gradually increasing, there was added to them the great pain of burning thirst. Such was the death to which Christ was doomed.

The victims often thus hung in the publicity of shame for three days and nights before the final end came. Then the body was usually left to rot on the cross by the action of the sun and rain, or to be devoured by the birds or wild beasts. The crucified victim was seldom ever buried. But in the case of our Lord, Joseph of Arimathea, who was also a member of the Sanhedrin court and a disciple of the Lord, went boldly to Pilate and begged for the body of Jesus that it might not hang on the cross of shame during the feast of the passover when so many curiosity seekers would be gazing at the mangled and torn body of his Savior. Joseph's request was granted and with tender and loving hands the body was released from the cross and laid in a new tomb hewn in stone.

After Pilate delivered Jesus into the hands of his soldiers for crucifixion, they took Him into the common hall, gathered the whole band of soldiers, stripped Him and put on Him a scarlet robe. When they had platted a crown of thorns, they put it upon His head, and a reed in His right hand. Then they bowed their knees before Him, and mocked, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews." They spit upon Him, and took the reed and smote Him on the head. After they had mocked Him, they took the robe off, put His own garment on Him, and led Him away to be crucified. He first bearing His own cross. The Bible does not say that He fell under the cross, but the inference is that He was physically unable to bear the weight of the cross. Then they compelled one Simon of Cyrene to bear the cross unto Calvary.

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RELIGION AND THE WORLD

By the Editor

Jewish Population

The American Jewish Yearbook reports an increase of 42,344 persons during the past six years, bringing the total Jewish population of the United States up to a total of 5,199,000.

Sacrifice for Sins

(1) The individual's sacrifice is mentioned in Gen. 4:4; (2) in Exodus 12:3, the passover mentioned was the sacrifice of the household; (3) the sacrifice of a nation, Lev. 4:13-15; (4) in John 3:16 we have the sacrifice for the sin of the world.

Hebrew, Greek, and Latin

"Hebrew, Greek, and Latin" (John 19:20). Pilate, who was evidently anxious that all should read it, went beyond the usual custom of fixing up a condemned man's accusation in one, or at most two languages, and in this case had it written out in three different languages, viz.: (1) Hebrew, the vernacular or natural language of the Jews—that is, the religious language (representing the Covenant Race—God's law). (2) Greek, which was the usual language spoken by the people (representing art and learning—human wisdom). (3) Latin, which was the official language—i. e., of the Romans (representing power and conquest—worldly empire).

Hull Says Fascism Nests in Argentina; Germans Finance Catholic Party There

At his press conference on September 7, Secretary of State Cordell Hull charged that Argentina was the headquarters of the Fascist movement in the Western Hemisphere.

In this same connection a significant statement was made over the British radio, as heard by CBS, in a report from Ankara on June 26. Franz von Papen, then German Ambassador to Turkey, the announcement said, had accumulated the sum of 1,000,000 pounds sterling (about \$4,000,000) in the Argentine with which to form a German Catholic Party. Von Papen is widely known as the "Pope's German voice."

In view of the close tie-up between

the Nazis and the Vatican, it was not surprising when the Pope recently made an appeal on behalf of the Germans, pleading with London inhabitants to forgive the Germans for air raids and treat them in a Christian attitude.

Dangers of Complacency

Right at the time our armies were facing their greatest dangers, we here in America as laborers and citizens were letting up, and wanting peacetime goods to be manufactured, with the idea that the war was about over in Europe. This sinister dope idea is by this time over, after our armies were overrun because of underestimating the strength of the enemy and probable lack of supplies because of complacency and strikes at home on the labor fronts. How much like many professed Christians was this defeat and all that contributed to it. Many, because of the lack of prayer and preparedness, are suddenly attacked by Satan and defeated because they are not alert and watchful in prayer. Two things necessitate preparedness for any eventualities among Christians: (1) the imminent coming of Christ for a holy people, Matt. 24: 44; (2) Satan is ever going about as a roaring lion seeking whom he may devour, 1 Peter 5:8.

Do You Remember When

About the time you entered the door of the church the Spirit fell upon you, or while they sang the first song showers of blessings fell and rejoicing was abundant? If you do, you no doubt also remember when the saints spent much time in prayer at home and at the altar of the church. All of us remember when most all of the time now spent in long programs of one kind and another, was for the most part then spent in prayer. Here is probably a secret that may be worth prying into. We all enjoy programs. Hundreds of people will come to church where programs are prominent, where none of the same number will come to the mid-week prayer meeting. Formality never develops without a reason. Where prayer is superceded by anything else, regardless

of how much desired it may be, or how apparently necessary, there is a lamentable spiritual loss sustained by the church so effected.

European Surviving Jews

LONDON (JPA-Palcor)—One and a half million Jews, and perhaps more, survive in Europe today, besides the Jews residing in Russia, according to reliable information in the possession of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, it was revealed here by Eliahu Dobkin, deputy member of the Jewish Agency Executive in charge of immigration who has come to Britain on a rescue mission. It would be total irresponsibility, he said, to give way to resignation and assume that those Jews cannot be saved and that there are no means for saving them. Ways and means for rescue definitely exist, he stated.

France now holds about 100,000 Jews, he said, including 20,000 children, orphans of people deported for extermination. "These children are scattered all over the country, hidden in monasteries and other places and will be lost to the Jews unless they are absorbed in Palestine," Mr. Dobkin pointed out. "When all of Poland is liberated probably 180,000 Jewish survivors will be found, broken in body and spirit. They will have to be brought to Palestine. Rescue work will therefore not be over even when the Jews are freed from the Nazi yoke."—*B'nai B'rith Messenger*.

When God talks He has something to say worth listening to.

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The Mission of the Church

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Text: "And ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth," Acts 1:8.

In these words are found the seeds of perpetuation for the Church. It is true that Christ had given His commission to the apostles before His crucifixion, but now after He has triumphed over death and is ready for His return to the Father, He again calls them close to Him and renews the commission and promises them power to carry it to a conclusion.

This commission was given to the apostles as ministers of that Church which Christ came and shed His blood to establish, therefore it becomes the commission of the Church, and the power promised to the fulfillment of it becomes the power of the Church.

THE NECESSARY POWER

Christ knew that His presence would be greatly missed. He would not be with His disciples to call attention to their errors. He would not be at their side to lift them when they stumbled or to raise them from the waves as they began to sink. He would not even be present as a great general to marshal His forces against the "gates of hell," which would surely be opened against the newly-formed Church which He was leaving. So they must have power. They must have a force to lead and to guide them in their great undertaking, therefore He said, "I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you." John 14:18. And then again, the manner in which He

would come to them or provide for them in their new work was thoroughly described when He said, "And I will pray the Father, and he will send you another Comforter, that he may abide with you forever," John 14:16. In verse 26 of this same chapter, this Comforter is declared to be the Holy Ghost, sent in His name or in His stead to complete the work which He had begun. Yes, the ministry of Christ (in the days of His flesh) was of short duration, but in the closing hours of that ministry He promised them leadership and guidance which would furnish them with power to motivate the Church through all of the trials which Judaism would form against it, and would carry the gospel to the entire world.

THE PURPOSE OF POWER

It is quite significant that immediately after the promise of the Holy Ghost, and with it "power," Jesus, in His last commission, said, "And ye shall be witnesses unto me." It is plain to be understood that the purpose of this special anointing and power was for the evangelization of the world with the new doctrine and salvation brought to earth by our Lord and committed to His Church to propagate. There was no other way for it to go but for it to be told, and there was none other to tell it than those who had been the glad recipients of it. Thus the baptism with the Holy Ghost was given as a power for service, a power to witness for Christ, for He had said of the Holy Ghost, "He shall testify of me and ye also shall bear witness." John 15:26, 27. Yes, in this the Church is provided with a double testimony, one of the Holy Spirit and the other in response to His testimony by those who receive Him.

A MISSION TO MAN

It may seem like foolishness for men to preach to others. It was that way in the days of the Apostle Paul, for in his message to the Corinthians he said, "For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe," 1 Cor. 1:21. It remains, therefore, that after philosophy and worldly wisdom has failed to reveal God as God and Christ as the Savior of mankind, that God pleased to reveal Himself to man through the simple process of preaching.

If then it is God's plan to save people through the foolishness or simplicity of preaching, it must be done.

If it is the commission of the Church to witness through its ministers, then it is the mission of the Church to provide means and methods to carry the testimony and message of its ministry. How else can it be carried, and how else can man be saved? It is agreed by all that man must believe on the Lord Jesus Christ to be saved. Acts 16:31. But how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they preach except they be sent? Rom. 10:14. The commission of the Church is fulfilled in its mission to man. The responsibility of the gospel message being preached to the entire world is that of the Church, for the mission of the Church is missions.

FOREIGN MISSIONS

Is it enough to bear witness to one's neighbor of the glorious gospel of Christ, and of His plan of salvation for the lost? Listen again to these words of our text, "... both in Jerusalem, and in Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth."

The Church must remain and be established in Jerusalem, but it must get out of Jerusalem. The Church must work Judea and Samaria but it must do more. Where must it go and what shall be the extent of its limitations? The answer is simple—*The uttermost part of the earth*. Had the apostles been content to preach in Jerusalem, Judea, and Samaria alone, the Gentile world would have been without the plan of salvation, and the glorious message of a risen Christ which follows it would have never reached us.

The Church then must have a plan to carry its message, and no other plan or foundation for a plan can be found than the one described in the foreign mission history of the Church at Antioch.

CALLED AND SENT

The story of the beginning of foreign missions, as sponsored by the Church as a body, is a beautiful and interesting one. And strange as it may seem, the first Church on record to take such a step was one that was outside of the pales of Jewry and a church that had many Gentile converts. It was one which later and once for all at the Jerusalem Council had the Gentile question settled. See Acts 15.

Then let us listen to the record of this church and its first missionary endeavors. "Now there were in the church that was at Antioch certain prophets and teachers; as Barnabas,

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This call is an invitation to all the ministers, members, and Christian friends of the Church of God. The questions may arise: What shall be the prayer? How shall we pray? For what shall we pray? Therefore, I hasten to take from the 90th Psalm the prayer that I would like for all of us to adopt as our heart cry to God for not only the initiative part of this year's work but for every day until our next Assembly: "Teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom."

BLESSED BLINDNESS

I don't feel that it is God's plan for our finite minds to visualize those things that are to come our way in the distant future in every instance. In fact, I feel that God is kind to us in that He lets our eyes stay blinded to many things that are before us. His promise to us is that as our days are so shall our strength be and that He will not leave us but He will be with us in six troubles and not forsake us in seven. And Jesus promised that He will be with us always, even unto the end of age.

APPREHENSIVE, YET ASSURED

There are times when we feel apprehensive. We can sense, from the conditions about us and the very feeling of the atmosphere, that tragedy is before us or something is threatening our lives, but at such a time we have the blessed assurance that God is able to keep that which we have committed into His hands against that day.

THEN—WHO KNEW?

David tells us in the tenth verse of this same Psalm that: "The days of our years are threescore years and ten; and if by reason of strength they be fourscore years, yet is their strength labour and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away."

NOW—WHO KNOWS?

But this doesn't mean that every one will live to be seventy or eighty years old. We have already witnessed the fact that life hardly begins for some until it ends. Others live a few weeks, a few minutes or a few years and pass away, while others live to be even over one hundred years of age before they go the way of all the earth.

ALL OF OUR TIME IS GOD'S

The thing we want to interest ourselves in is this, that the Lord will teach us how to apply our hearts unto wisdom *every moment, every minute, every hour, every day*, and if we are able to apply ourselves in

A Call to Prayer for 1945

By JONATHAN D. BRIGHT,
Assistant General Overseer

this way, naturally the *weeks* and the *months* of this *year* and all the other years that we shall live will be utilized in such a way as to mean achievements for God, lost humanity, and the Church of God.

LIFE'S VELOCITY!!!

Just being able to read the hands of the clock doesn't mean that we can properly calculate time. God must touch our minds and our hearts and our lives so that we can realize, first, that time and tide wait for no man, that our days are swifter than a weaver's shuttle, and there are shuttles that pass to and fro over the looms two hundred and sixty or more times a minute. We must realize that the *present*, *past*, and *future* are so closely associated they can hardly be separated. *It seems at times that we are living in all three of these tenses at the same time.* One poet said, "Time is fleeting like the binding of the sheaf, like the falling of a leaf, be in time."

SCHEDULES

If the planets in the heavens were to miss their schedule one minute, there would be an astronomical catastrophe that would mean a blackout to the whole world. The success of the world in all of its enterprises depends on regularity.

To miss a train doesn't mean that you have to be five, ten, fifteen minutes late, but just one minute means that you have missed a train. No matter how important your business

may be or how urgent it may be to make the trip, to be one minute late means that your trip is delayed.

God, help us to realize as we go about our work this year, that one of the greatest requirements is that we be punctual. It is just as possible for a minister or a member to practice procrastination and God's work to be embarrassed as it is for a sinner to practice it and be lost.

In a city of Greece stands a great statue of a man who is leaning forward, his hair over his face, and on the bottom of this statue is this epitaph:

"I am opportunity. When I am gone you can't pull me back."

RIGHT OR WRONG?

Ministers, it is a fact that you can start your service at eight o'clock when you have announced that you will start at 7:30, but is that right? Members, it is a fact that your pastor can *put up* with your coming into the services fifteen or thirty minutes late, but is that right? Superintendents of Sunday Schools and teachers, your Sunday Schools and classes can *put up* with your being late and slothful about your work, but is that right?

THE PASTOR, PEOPLE AND PROGRAM

Pastors, you have your program outlined and you have agreed unanimously to "*put it over*," not partially but one hundred per cent! Now, the question is, "Will you do it promptly and cheerfully, or reluctantly?"

Present the program to your members in such a way that they will not feel that you are taxing or assessing them. In other words, that it is ten cents or else, it is one dollar or else, it is fifty cents or else, but in such a way as to show them it is their happy privilege to give.

It is a fact that we must have our program so outlined that we will know how to take care of each department of the Church, but after all, the thing for us to do as ministers is to see that the spirit of the Lord Jesus and the good Holy Ghost is prevalent in the lives of all our members and in all the services and when that is true the spirit of giving will be there because their hearts will be filled with first love. Yes, the love that they had when the Lord saved them. The love that they had when they came into the Church and pledged loyalty to the

Church and the program in general. The love that will keep a fire burning in the members' hearts, and especially on the altar of the Church.

Yes, let us pray, "O Lord, teach us to number our days."

From the time this paper will be issued we will have approximately three hundred and sixty days. We want these to be full days. Yes, full of victory, full of triumph, full of success, and full of program, but don't expect these things without sacrifice, effort and a fight against the adversary of the Church of God and our souls.

Pray that the Lord will teach us how to pray. Pray effectually, pray fervently, pray earnestly, pray protractedly, pray with fasting, pray with crying, pray with yearning; yes, pray until we pray through for ourselves, for our members, for every department of the Church.

You remember that it is said, "The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much."

PRAY TO PREACH

Pray, "Lord, teach us how to preach," for if He doesn't anoint us and the good Holy Ghost fill our lives, select our subjects and inspire our messages, we will be beating the air while in the pulpit.

PRAY TO WIN SOULS

Pray, "Lord, teach us to win souls," and we will be able to prove to the world that we are wise and that we are applying our hearts to wisdom. If you win souls you will have to be wise as a serpent and harmless as doves. You will have to study the nature and the needs of lost souls. You will have to let winning the lost be your work, your mission, and your problem.

BE REPRESENTATIVES

Then pray, "Lord, teach us to represent the Church, to protect the Church and stand for the Church in such a way that the souls we win will be induced to unite with us and become a part of the Church, *mind, heart, soul, and body.*"

BE GOOD DIETITIANS

And again pray, "Lord, teach us how to feed the members that we already have and others that you will give us this year. Feed them so that they will grow and thrive and be healthy and stalwart men and women, boys and girls in the Church of God to support it, to defend it, and to live for it."

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God and the Convoy

(Originally from *The Evangelical Christian*)

Here is a story of God's providential protection of a convoy on its perilous journey across the Atlantic. It is told by a Christian Captain of the Merchant Navy in "The Evangel" of Johannesburg, South Africa:

A few months ago my ship was one of a convoy of liners detailed to carry a Canadian division across the Atlantic Ocean. Secretly, from different places, the troop trains steamed into the docks of an American port. Drawing up alongside the various liners, the troops embarked, after which no officer or man was allowed ashore, to preserve the secrecy of the sailing.

But, in some way, the Germans knew, and the evening before our departure "Lord Haw Haw" announced that all was known. The very ships' names—my own ship's name included—were given out on the German wireless as the announcer declared that not one vessel would succeed in reaching Great Britain.

This news depressed some of the troops, but to me it was a challenge from Satan, and going to my cabin I got on my knees before God and, like Hezekiah of old, told Him all about it. I did not seek personal safety, but I asked God that if it were His will He would frustrate the designs of the enemy and bring the whole convoy safely across the ocean.

The next day we started. At noon the line of stately ships packed with troops steamed out of the harbour. As we did so we left a sunlit port for as dense a fog as one could ever find at sea. One vessel could not see another. Navigation was dangerous and difficult, and this caused some murmuring on board. But, realizing the safety that the fog afforded us from the enemy, I welcomed it and pointed out its protective value.

The Germans had not made this threat to sink us without meaning it. I had the Commodore of the convoy on board and so was in touch with all the admiralty messages. During the days and nights required to cross the Atlantic on the special route given us by the admiralty (which was altered from time to time), submarines were again and again reported, and always on our route. I did not hear of one

submarine being reported anywhere else in the North Atlantic.

A few hours out of port a U-boat was heard talking to another close to the convoy. Evidently they had been lying in wait for us and failed to find us in God's fog.

For three days and nights the fog continued. Submarines were around us, and more than once we had orders to change our route on their account.

On the fourth day the weather cleared, but in the afternoon we received reports of two submarines ahead of us, one to starboard and the other to port of our route. We held to our course, keeping a sharp lookout, and passed safely between them at the darkest hour of the night.

More submarines were reported and our route was changed in consequence. The admiralty wirelessly a drastic alteration of course which we had just carried out when another message came telling us that submarines had been located forty miles ahead of us on our new route.

We were told to hold on and keep a sharp lookout for them. As we were steaming about thirteen knots it meant that in three hours' time we should be among those submarines. Our own arm was weak, but we leaned on one stronger, the arm of God.

As the orders came through the atmosphere began to thicken. The fog became heavier and heavier until when we arrived at the spot where the submarines were reported to be, it was dense. It then gradually lifted until three hours later, forty miles beyond the danger spot, it cleared altogether.

The Lord said to Job: "Who hath begotten the drops of dew?" May we all reply with Job, "I know that thou canst do everything."

The forenoon of the following day we received the last warning of danger. Enemy airplanes were 170 miles to the west of us. I afterwards learned that they had been sent especially to find and bomb us. That evening "Lord Haw Haw" announced that the Germans had carried out their threat and that every ship in the convoy had been sunk. But aboard my ship about 200 officers and men attended a voluntary thanksgiving service and altogether

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Two Phases of Education Technique

By Homer C. Smith

It is only elementary to state that the over-all objective of all educational training is to equip mankind to "make a living," a better living; to provide the means for leading a happier existence while on this earth pending the return of the King of kings and Lord of lords. Step by step through the ages the skill and arts of man have been given by the eternal One to be developed with this end in view.

The major efforts of the only wise God have been directed to the human family to take advantage of the forces and products of His creation for the sole benefit of human beings. The idle and wretched folly of any other principal objective is evident as men fight on. Hence, the techniques, the mechanical processes used preliminarily to acquire enlightenment are merely the means to the desired end and not the principal thing itself.

Some human beings claim heaven as their inheritance without a vision as to what heaven is like. Nor have they at least a vague estimate of its populace quality, neither an understanding of the demanded citizenship to be attained to obtain such inheritance. Such groping in the dark is certainly not education. It is, though, dire ignorance. But we are, in a sense, beside the point of thought, though it may do to convey our objective point.

It is well, however, at this point to clearly distinguish between the processes of training and products to be derived from it. There seems to be little doubt among "thinking men" that something is wrong. The result intended by the layman is not being obtained. The skills gained through training are not being used to provide a better life and more happiness. To the contrary, they are being devoted to destruction and misery. Then, we can reasonably conclude that there is an unseen force behind the intent of the ordinary layman which works distraction with cunning subtleness. Hence, "the mystery of iniquity that worketh." 2 Thess. 2:7. There seems to be a cunning deceit under cover in our even basic educational system. Gen. 3:6, "And when the woman saw

that the tree was good for food, and to be desired to make one wise, she ate of it." The agent that works this thing to counteract the intent of purpose causes the victim to acknowledge that it is good and it is done so intelligently subtle that the victim sees that it is good, for the woman saw that it was good, even desirable. Thus the spirit of error is in vogue. Hereby know we the spirit of truth, and the spirit of error. 1 John 4:6.

It appears that the most advanced nations have decidedly minimized the spiritual values of education. And those of us that are keeping up know decidedly that this very thing is true. This phase of education has gradually come to stress only the cold, mechanical skills. It is overlooked that void of the proper spirit, the great force that develops from intense training (education so-called) of the human being is a dangerous force as well as cunning. The current world struggle and destruction make it clear that this force is not providing the intended purpose and objective desired of God's creation, but just the opposite. The best educated nation became the most warlike—the most efficient killers, and creating the greatest trouble for all other groups. The belligerent nature of the natural man will and does arise as he goes stumbling along life's journey without the new birth which is heaven, giving him a vision of heaven, his rightful home. The same spirit of education has attained its desire in all other groups, only in a somewhat less degree, perhaps—or the education of other groups was in some way deferred. And there is no framework of man's in sight to correct these horrible errors made by education having not the spirit.

If you should rise up and condemn education, even the type of education now being propagated by our civilized nations (so-called), you, probably, would be adjudged a fit subject for psychiatrists.

The system of education now in vogue has come to be regarded as the very best—ultra of, if not synonymous with, our vaunted civilization. The best educated in the prevailing techniques are counted decidedly to be

the most highly civilized—ultra social. Though, on thorough re-examination of the results of the process used it proves to be a cold fact that we are wanting, and do not possess the white raiment—sufficient to cover the shame of our nakedness. So men fight on. (Rev. 3:18.) Yes, the prevailing system of education in error has brought on this blood bath now unfolding before our eyes.

An examination of the breathing spell from actual hostilities that intervened between World War One and World War Two does not put the prevailing method of education in commendable light. During the first ten years following the first world conflict there was an example of mad competition of greed and lust to pile up wealth never before witnessed in the history of mankind. It was in utter disregard of the suffering and misery of the majority of humanity who had just gone through poverty's wretched misery for four years. Now this is credited to our own nation. Incidentally, the writer was in Russia during the first World War and observed the pain and anguish that followed in the wake of war's aftermath, with the price of goods shipped from our nation so high till it was an omen of sorrow instead of comfort. But mockery came home to us. The comparatively few who directed and controlled this era of speculation and high profits overdid themselves with the nation's approval, and the climax came in the form of economic chaos during which there was another ten years on new universal poverty and suffering here in America. Thus, in this twenty-year period modern education was not able to do what it was intended to do.

Depression and poverty follow war, then war follows poverty and depression, to give the world another regime of prosperity drenched in blood. There is right now very little unemployment in the so-called civilized world. People are working. Let us take a look through and see what they are making. Are they manufacturing and producing to make mankind happy and prosperous? We know that they are

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GOD IS STILL WORKING IN HAITI

Following is a part of a letter received from Brother Kluzit in Haiti, which explains a little of how God is working in their midst. The references are to Brother and Sister Archer here to Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Archer, formerly in Mexico, who were just passing through there and are now in the Dominican Republic ready to take up their work.

You will note the references to the radio program. We have a radio program going out regularly there in French and one in Creol. Be sure to read what Brother Kluzit says.

"Sunday, November 19, the Church in Port-au-Prince was packed to overflowing for the evening service. At the altar call so many came for conversion and sanctification that one young man called to Sister Kluzit, who was moving about among the seekers encouraging them to pray, and said to her, 'I want to be converted tonight, but I can't find any place to kneel.' Truly the front was crowded with seekers to within the first six rows of benches. Sister Kluzit said, 'Come with me, I'll find a place for you.' She then led him to a place next to the steps leading to the platform and asked me to pray with him. At the end of the prayer, I saw his face radiant with joy and assurance that he was a child of God, forgiven of his sins and born from above.

"This past week Brother Etienne, a shoemaker, who has opened up a house for preaching near his home, was hurrying to church for an evening service when a man stopped him. He said to Brother Etienne, 'I want to be converted.' Brother Etienne said, 'I'll come to your house to pray with you tomorrow for you see I am hurrying to church. Today is Wednesday and the radio program is about to begin and I would not like to miss it. I'll come early tomorrow morning to your house.' But the man would not be put off. 'No, you must come right now. When a man wants to be converted, you must pray with him then and there.' 'All right,' said the brother, 'I'll go with you now.' While praying at

the man's house, where his entire family accepted the Lord, one by one people began filling up the house, until there was such a hungry group of people desiring God that Brother Etienne spent the whole evening preaching and praying with all that came.

"The following evening, Thursday, after our radio-choir rehearsal, Sister Kluzit and I went to Brother Etienne's house for service. Last night, Tuesday, November 21, Brother and Sister Archer also went with us. Both times there was a large crowd who listened very attentively. The house he is building for services does not have the walls up, and fortunately, because all the people could not have possibly squeezed in. About three or four times more people were standing bareheaded out in the yard, in the open, under the starlit sky, than could have crowded under the roof. Last night Brother and Sister Archer just felt they should preach to them in Spanish to reach their hearts, but Sister Kluzit, naturally, had to interpret for them. The people were able to feel the love these good missionaries have for them. Already a good work has been begun here, with many converted and helping to bring others to Christ. There were about three hundred fifty who attended the preaching, where just a month ago salvation was unheard of.

"This missionary spirit is prevalent more and more here in Port-au-Prince. Every Sunday morning, groups of lay missionaries go out to various places where they hold services, to encourage the work. Last Sunday there were five such groups and the places some of them go require all day to get there and to return. Usually, they start very early Sunday morning but, even then, they do not usually return in time for the evening service. Then, in the afternoon twelve other groups hold their own services in homes of their districts and in this way reach many people who would not otherwise be coming to church. Today, as it has been since we first arrived seven years ago, the testimony of new converts is, 'Why didn't we

hear of this wonderful salvation in Jesus Christ before?'

"The glowing reports that come back from these trips and outside services encourage our hearts and make us realize that the power of the gospel is being demonstrated with the salvation of untold numbers of souls here in Haiti. The roll call in heaven will tell the hosts of the saved by these means. Praise God! All we want is to be emptied vessels with the flame of the Holy Spirit burning within and a testimony like the ringing trumpets of Gideon's three hundred faithful—faithful to the call of God and burning with zeal for the perishing. For if our gospel is hid, it is hid to souls that are perishing without hope—lost in despair, perishing in their sins, without Christ the Savior who died to set them free.

"A week ago a young man called Pastor Lacombe early in the morning out of his bed, to come to his home for he and his wife had decided they must have salvation because they could not go on the way they were going. They had been listening faithfully to the radio for several weeks and finally had come under such great conviction of sin that all night they could not sleep. As soon as it was light enough, about 4:30 in the morning, they had sought out Brother Lacombe. It was so good to hear their glowing testimony last Sunday. What deliverance they found! Joy unbounded and overflowing! They made such a happy picture—the young man holding a baby in his arms and smiling with that joy unspeakable and full of glory that only can be found on the face of a person who knows Christ as his personal Savior.

"Throughout the country, these radio programs are looked forward to with great expectation and with wonderful results for God and eternity.

"May the Lord bless you. Will write to you again in a few days.

"Yours in Christ,

"JOHN P. KLUZIT."

God's message is a message for the whole world, and the responsibility of carrying it rests on the whole church.

REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

PRAY FOR:

My boy somewhere in France.—Mrs. N. H. Harris, 909 Texas St., Columbia, S. C.

My son, who is somewhere in the Pacific; my nephews in Service.—Mary Underhill, Box 724, Okeechobee, Fla.

My healing, I have a large cancer on the back of my neck and several small ones on my face.—Mrs. Blanie Alexander, Rt. 1, Double Springs, Ala.

My husband in the Navy.—Mrs. J. H. Beck, Gainesville, Ga.

My son's soul and body; my sister's soul and body; my loved ones.—Mrs. Bartha Sisk, Rt. 1, Box 245-A, Black Oak, Ark.

The healing of my body, I have bronchial asthma; my husband who has a heart ailment; our children; unspoken request.—Mrs. Ernest Hensley, St. Albans, W. Va.

The healing of my body and that I will receive the Holy Ghost; my sons in Service; God to undertake for me.—Annie Pass, 912 Hotel Ave., Maryville, Tenn.

My sons overseas, one somewhere in the armed forces and one waiting for his call to Service. I am broken-hearted and need your prayers. The healing of a young man, Claud Smith, Beverly Hills Sanatorium, Knoxville 18, Tenn., of T. B., he is in a very weakened condition and will appreciate encouragement.—Mattie Amos, Lenoir City, Tenn.

God to take care of my son overseas; my other son, Fred Mays, Cox. SCTC, Roosevelt Base, Terminal Island, San Pedro, Calif. I will appreciate the pastor of San Pedro visiting him.—Mrs. Eliza Mays, evangelist, Bristol, Tenn.

Me to be healed of nervousness, it

seems I can hardly bear the worries that come to me; my mother and other loved ones.—Mrs. Elese Ahl, Rt. 2, Baxley, Ga.

The Lord to heal me of a very serious side ailment.—May Bell Collins, Quincy, Fla.

God to undertake for me; my daddy to be healed.—Mrs. Louise Farmer, Carrollton, Ga.

God to undertake for me.—Mrs. R. F. Spearman, Box 324, Greenwood, S. C.

God to undertake and restore my mother's health, the doctors say she will have to have an operation but I know the Lord can heal.—Evangeline Henke, Golden Valley, N. Dak.

God to care for my wife and four children while I am away in the Army. I realize the need of a Christian mother to my dear children. I am unsaved so don't forget me in your prayers, also my brother in New Guinea.—Pvt. Rufus E. Burroughs 34918046, Sec. C-4, 3014th A.A.F.B.V., D.A.A.F., Douglas, Ariz.

Urgent request, the Lord knows all about it and is able to do exceeding above that that we can ask.—Rev. Fred Garner, pastor, Great Falls, S. C.

The healing of my head.—Rev. G. M. Chitwood, Lavonia, Ga.

My son overseas. He will appreciate encouragement.—Junie Roman, Marvel, Ala.

The healing of my wife and daughter Patty, both are in need of sincere prayer; my complete healing.—W. H. Compton, Box 64, Delbarton, W. Va.

My brother to be saved before he has to go in Service.—Mrs. Irvin Bailey, Vernon Hill, Va.

The healing of my sixteen-month-old baby; a friend and my loved ones.—Mrs. W. I. Dennis, Burkeville, Va.

September 16, 1943, and went to be with Jesus November 15, 1944. Pray for us.—Mr. and Mrs. R. A. White, Rt. 1, Donalsonville, Ga.

SHEFFIELD

William M. Sheffield, a member of the Church of God, was born October 17, 1878, and departed this life October 19, 1944.—His pastor, Earl Deas, and wife, Jennings, Fla.

LEDBETTER

Our darling mother, Louella Ledbetter, wife of W. R. Ledbetter, Herod, Ill., went home to be with Jesus October 4, 1944, at the age of seventy-one years, ten months and eleven days.

She was a faithful member of the Church of God at Honey Comb.

Mourning her departure are her devoted companion, ten children, twenty-two grandchildren, and four great grandchildren.—Her daughter, Mrs. Charlotte Stacey, Rt. 1, Herod, Ill.

BLOODWORTH

Brother Lester Bloodworth, a faithful member of the Church of God of Albany, Ga., went to be with Jesus November 2, 1944; age thirty-three years.

Please pray for his precious wife who is left with six small children.—L. L. Ball, pastor, Albany, Ga.

RAGAN

Brother Clay Ragan, a member of the Church of God at Weyanoke, W. Va., was killed in Arista, W. Va., mines November 22, 1944; age thirty-eight years, eleven months, and twenty-five days. He was a faithful member in all his duties, spiritually and financially. He was our Sunday School superintendent for a number of years and a loving brother.—C. J. Norris, Box 291, Matoaka, W. Va.

NELSON

Clyde Monroe Nelson, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Nelson, was born January 8, 1929, and departed this life December 7, 1944. He made peace with God while on his deathbed and we feel like our loss is heaven's gain.—His mother, Mrs. W. A. Nelson, Greenbay, Va.

WATKINS

Sister Beadie Watkins, wife of the late Rev. R. T. Watkins, went home to be with Jesus November 7, 1944; age seventy-four years. She was a faithful and loyal member of the Church of God for many years.—Oma Lee Patterson, clerk, Starkville, Miss.

CABE

In remembrance of Sister Letha Cabe, Weaverville, N. C., who departed this life November 19, 1944. She was a faithful member of the Church of God at Alarka, N. C., and paid her tithes after she moved. We believe she will be among the faithful.—Sarah York, Alarka, N. C.

OBITUARIES

STAMPER

Pvt. Clay Stamper was killed in action September 1, 1944, in Normandy, France.—Ella Keith, Quicksand, Ky.

WHITE

In memory of our darling baby, Dovie Louise White, who was born

TESTIMONIES

I Must Praise Him

GOLDSBORO, N. C. — Greetings, Evangel family. I have a testimony for my Lord. Although I could write a book I could never tell of His goodness to me and my family. He has healed my children so many times, also me. Each time I would make a vow to testify for Him and each time put it off, but after the way He healed my little six-year-old daughter yesterday, September 10, of tonsillitis and croup, I feel that I must praise Him for it all. This child was in bed with sore throat and high fever. I was praying for her but felt like I needed help to pray. I sent a wire to my pastor, Rev. John L. Byrd, of Erwin, to have prayer and the child was up in a little while with no fever, slept well all night last night and has been up playing all day today, and I know God touched her.

There is much I could tell if space would permit. He also healed my daughter and me of warts on our hands. There is nothing too hard for Him. Pray for me and my loved ones, especially my unsaved companion.—Mrs. Ferbie Powers, Apt. 88-B, W.H.P.

He Spared My Life in Accident

WARD, W. Va.—This morning finds me rejoicing in the Lord. I praise His holy and precious name for His tender mercy and everlasting love, for if it had not been for His tender mercy I could not offer up this testimony.

On the tenth day of May I had an accident at my work and had a railroad car to run the whole length of itself over me. Oh, praise His holy and precious name. He spared my life, and although I lost one of my legs in the accident, I am praising His name and His tender mercy and everlasting love for sparing my life that day. I came very near dying while on the operating table. Oh, praise His name for that keeping power! Although I suffered while I lay in the hospital, I know He was near me at all times, and if He had called me to that home that Jesus prepared for us I was ready to go.

I cannot praise His precious name enough this morning for what He has done for me. I want everyone who knows the worth of prayer to pray for me that I will do His blessed will and stand steadfast. Also pray for my

home. My dear wife is a child of God and her prayers, those of the dear friends of our church here at Ward, and of other churches, were answered. I need the prayers of the ones I love and I want prayer for our home. We have five children and three of them are old enough to give their lives to God and be workers for Him. Praise His name, He has promised everlasting life to all who would call on His name. I know when I became humble enough He heard my prayer. I know that He is the same yesterday, today, and forever. Pray for my home and me.—Robert R. Jarvis, Box 231.

Child Healed

SENECA, S. C.—Dear Evangel Family, I still have a heart full of love for the Lord. I thank and praise Him for what He means to me. About three weeks ago one of my children came in from school with the muscles in her shoulder and neck drawn so it was alarming. The teacher said it scared her; she was afraid it was polio, but I knew what the Lord had done for us many times and I promised Him if He would heal her I would testify to it, and He did. She didn't lose but two days from school. Praise His name.

My heart's desire is to do the will of the Lord in all things. Pray for me; I need your prayers. Also pray for my children who are in sin and for the ones who have salvation to hold out faithful.—Laura Ball, Rt. 3.

Healed Through Laying on Anointed Cloths

CRAB ORCHARD, Ky.—I praise the Lord that about nine years ago He saved my soul, sanctified me, and filled me with the Holy Ghost. I really praise Him for healing my right side. My husband had been begging me to go to the hospital for an operation. I sent in three requests for prayer. I received a letter and anointed cloth from our General Overseer, Brother J. H. Walker. In a few days I received another one from our new General Overseer, Brother John C. Jernigan. I laid those anointed cloths on my side and said, "Lord, you have healed my weak body; you are the same God, yesterday, today, and for-

ever." I praise the Lord because that hurting left my side and I have not felt a pain about my side. Pray for me that I will do more for the Lord and have more faith in Him.—Fannie Adams, Rt. 2.

Jesus, My Best Friend

NEWBERN, N. C.—I thank God for saving, sanctifying and filling me with the Holy Ghost. I am only eleven years of age but I praise God for giving me this wonderful blessing. He is the best friend I have found yet. My grandmother and I are the only ones in all the family who have this blessing. I want you saints to pray that we might be able to hold on to God and win an everlasting home in glory. I also want you to pray that God might touch the hearts of my mother, daddy, brothers, and sisters who are in sin, that they might obey God's will before it is too late.—Mary Elizabeth Strickland.

Desires To Learn More About the Lord

WATER VALLEY, Miss.—Not being a member of your church, I hardly know what to say. After reading some of your good Evangelists I wanted to write you and ask the prayers of all the good people in your church for me that I may be made a pure holliness.

During a holiness meeting held near here recently I learned where I stood. I have been a member of a certain church twenty-two years and have been on a complete standstill, have no opportunity to exercise my faith, as our churches are based on style and formality, though God above knows I want to be where I can tell to the world just what I am and how wonderful Jesus is, and I am praying faithfully to God to send us a preacher who will help me receive the Holy Ghost. We have no Church of God church, no holiness church of any kind near us.

There is only one lady near who belongs to the Church of God. She gave me the Evangelists to read. I appreciate her kindness for they are really worth reading. The preacher I spoke about is a traveling evangelist. He held a two weeks' meeting here.

Pray for me and please ask others to do so, for I want to be ready when Jesus comes. Pray for my little boy and aged parents.—Mrs. Nell Robertson, Rt. 6.

Reports from the Field

Praise God for What Has Been Done

GLEN FORK, W. Va.—I take pleasure in letting my friends know where I am through the Evangel. I came here in September and the work was down. I called for Brother and Sister Fortner, of Galax, Virginia, to help us in a revival. God blessed in a wonderful way. Six were saved, eight sanctified, three filled with the Holy Ghost, and six added to the church. We loved and appreciated Brother and Sister Fortner and the work which Brother Fortner did on the church building. He painted it for us and we are now having a cinder-block foundation put under it. We praise God for all that has been done. Pray for us here.—Grace Grant.

Church at Raleigh Making Fine Progress

RALEIGH, N. C.—I praise the Lord for good old-time religion. The Lord has wonderfully reclaimed and restored me to full fellowship with Him and the Church of God in Raleigh. The church here is making fine progress under the leadership of Rev. W. I. Bass and wife. The Lord is wonderfully blessing and we are now having good attendance. We desire the prayers of the saints everywhere, that the Lord will give an old-time revival in Raleigh. We are expecting God to do this very soon.—Yours in Christ, E. L. Kirk.

Good Progress at Humboldt

HUMBOLDT, Tenn.—We are praising the Lord for the good progress of the Church of God at Humboldt. We are really glad for our good pastor and wife, Brother and Sister Melvin A. Gifford. The Lord surely had a hand in their coming here. They came after the Assembly and found the work at the bottom, but the Lord has been blessing and every department of the work shows an increase. The Sunday School has more than doubled and the offering runs from ten to seventy dollars every Sunday. We have already spent over \$200 for remodeling and new furniture. We plan to do more work on the parsonage before Christmas. The anointing of the Holy Ghost is on every service. We had our home-coming on October 29. We were happy to have

our state overseer, Rev. U. D. Tidwell, with us; also our district overseer, Rev. C. M. Taylor. In the afternoon an offering was taken which amounted to \$175. There are signs of a prosperous year in the Lord. Pray for us, that we will always be humble and in the will of the Lord. We hope to have all our quotas raised by the first of the year. May the Lord bless all the work.—Horace Chapman, clerk.

Mission at Wyandotte Being Blessed

WYANDOTTE, Mich.—We are thanking and praising our Lord for the many blessings He has bestowed upon His people in our little mission in Wyandotte. We praise God for our new pastor, Brother A. J. Swift, a humble man of God, and also for our good deacon, Brother Long. We are happy to report that for our aged ministers' offering we had one dollar per member instead of ten cents. Thank God! Pray for us that we will be a lighthouse for God.—A member, 10098 Morten View, Dearborn, Michigan, Rt. 5.

God Is Blessing in Oklahoma

We praise God for the way He has been blessing us here in Oklahoma, especially here at Lawton.

First, we appreciate our overseer, Rev. L. L. Hughes, who is a real man of God, and is putting his whole time out on the field. Next, we thank God for our Assistant General Overseer, Rev. A. V. Beaubé. He is just one of us boys. His good messages at the Oklahoma ministers' conference were grand and every one fell in love with him from the start. I believe our ministers' conference was about the best we have ever had. Large crowds filled the auditorium and it just seemed like the preachers had a new zeal to do something for God.

Surely God was with us and our beloved overseer, Brother L. L. Hughes, by sending us back to Lawton this year. We began a revival October 22 with Brother and Sister H. L. Combs and son Kenneth of B. T. S. The way God blessed from the beginning and throughout the entire three weeks, only those who were here could begin to tell. Some say the days of revivals are over. No, you are mistaken, brother, or whosoever makes such a statement, God is just as big as He ever

was. He has never changed. The trouble is, most of us have cooled off, do not have the power as we used to. I'll tell you, if you haven't read the good messages by our General Overseer, Rev. J. C. Jernigan, each week in the Evangel—"What! you say you do not take the Evangel? Shame on you!"

Well, during our revival people were slain under the power of God. Thirty-six were gloriously saved, sixteen sanctified, six filled with the Holy Ghost, and thirty added to the church. Come on, preachers, if the Church of God is good enough to preach in, to get people saved, sanctified and filled in, why isn't it good enough to get them to come in with us? No, I do not believe it is Church of God or hell, I'm glad I never did believe that, but I do believe in her teachings four-square and believe in it enough to try to get people to come in and have a home with us. In fact, the Bible is very plain—"If we walk in the light as he is in the light . . ." I have been made to wonder why in so many revivals a number get saved, sanctified, and filled, but very often only two or three join the church.

Well, come on, let's do our best while we have time. Our boys are doing their best for us overseas. Are we going to stand by them with our prayers and all we can do, and when this is all over, will they come back and find us still shouting the victory? Or preachers, will they come back and find some of us working at other jobs? I know of one preacher who is in one of the prominent holiness churches, yes, has been a preacher for around twenty years, telling the people that Jesus is coming soon, etc., and has quit preaching and got him a good job. When talking to him, he said, "I thought I had better get me a job while wages are high, buy me a home, so when I get old I will have a place to go." When asked about his prayer life, he said, "I haven't had time to pray like I should in three months. In fact, I haven't prayed in that long." Well, I am sure he will be a fit subject after he gets his place paid out to go for God. My God! my God! is it possible for the old devil to blind even preachers' eyes that way? Let's arise and be determined to do more than ever. Beyond a shadow of a doubt this whole thing is fixing to come to an end. May God bless you, and you, and you. Pray for us.—L. C. Pennington, district pastor.

CHURCH OF GOD AT CUMBERLAND, KY., DEDICATED



The above picture was taken at the dedicatory service held at the Church of God, Cumberland, Ky., November 5, 1944. The ministers in the back row, reading from left to right, are: Everett Carden, pastor at Cumberland; F. R. Harrawood, district pastor, and W. J. Milligan, state overseer of Kentucky. Holding the mortgage while it burns are Brother Dave Shepherd and Brother Stanley Sparks, trustees. The two sisters are Grandma Risner and Grandma Shepherd, two charter members of the Cumberland church.

The Cumberland church is a nice brick building which

was built at a cost of several thousand dollars. When Brother Carden came there this year there was an indebtedness of almost \$1,800 against the property, which was being paid monthly, and there were almost five years yet to pay this. But Brother Carden began working to pay it at once, and with the faithful cooperation of his church and friends, they raised the entire amount in six weeks. This was a great day in the Cumberland church, and the timely message brought by our good state overseer was enjoyed by all present. After the message the ladies served a wonderful meal in the basement of the church.

Had Good Revival

THOMASVILLE, N. C.—We have just closed a very good revival with Brother and Sister A. M. Stephens, of Cramerton, N. C. Brother Stephens is a young preacher but is very good and will do any church good, especially among the young people, and that is where we need to work in these

evil days in which we are living. We had good crowds and the people stayed until after the altar service and were dismissed. Four were saved, five sanctified, five filled with the Holy Ghost and three added to the church. Praise the Lord for this good revival and for Brother and Sister Stephens. May the Lord bless them

in their work.

Our Sunday School has more than doubled since Brother and Sister C. D. Spake came to Thomasville. The people at Thomasville are praising God for having such a fine pastor. Pray for us.—Dorothy Allred, reporter.

Love worketh no ill to her neighbor.

The Mission of the Church

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and Simeon that was called Niger, and Lucius of Cyrene, and Manaen, which had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch, and Saul. As they ministered unto the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them," Acts 13:1, 2.

In this passage the Holy Ghost calls men out from among other prophets and teachers as foreign missionaries, and then requires of the Church that they be separated, consecrated or ordained to that work for which He has called them. But this is not all of the work of the Church in their behalf, for you will note that they are also sent by the Church. "And when they had fasted and prayed, and laid their hands on them, they sent them away," Acts 13:3.

Approximately sixteen years after Paul's ordination by the Church, he acknowledged the order of his call and ordination as a missionary in his address to the Romans. Listen how it reads, "Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, separated unto the gospel of God," Romans 1:1. It must be noted that Paul is addressing himself to the Romans (foreigners), and he is careful in his address to give unto them in the very beginning his credential from Jesus Christ, the Holy Ghost and the Church. It could have been and is easily summed up in these words, "Paul, a bondman of Jesus Christ, called by the Holy Spirit, ordained unto the gospel of God and sent out by the Church."

THE MISSION OF THE CHURCH

Dr. Oswald Smith wisely said, "The mission of the church is missions." There is nothing else to offer as a substitute. The Church may have many things added into its program which may not be directly coupled with missions, but if it cannot in some way be so linked, the Church had certainly better drop that part of its program.

The spirit of missions is the life of the Church, and that church which has such a spirit will be like the clear water of a river, giving drink to the thousands of acres of vegetation, to satisfy hunger, to quench the thirst of millions of human beings, to turn the wheels of industry, to turn the great dynamoes that furnish us light, and finally to offer its bosom as an avenue of commerce for home and foreign use.

Will the Church be true to her com-

mission, "Go ye therefore and teach all nations," Matt. 28:19? "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature," Mark 16:15? Or to this explanation and injunction, "But ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth" (Text)?

I feel like saying to the Church of God as a whole, with the apostle Paul, "We then as workers together with him, beseech you also that ye receive not the grace of God in vain." May God help us that we shall be a party to a great missionary movement that will hasten the gospel to every creature throughout the world.

Two Phases of Education Technique

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not. If our education can produce prosperity only in warfare, then it has made a race of only smart savages, leaving us in greater reproach and in danger of being destroyed by the almighty God with all the other nations that have forgotten Him. St. John 17:17 says, "Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth." EDUCATE THEM. In full light of this text we are to become acquainted with God to the extent that we are to know Him; become perfectly familiar with Him; attain the knowledge of His greatness, His ableness to do for us and through us; accomplish His purpose in us; KNOW that God hath set apart him that is godly for Himself. (Psa. 4:3) Then KNOW God! Become SANCTIFIED—SET APART FOR GOD—EDUCATED UNTO GOD FOR THE PURPOSE THAT GOD PURPOSED IN YOU FOR HIMSELF ACCORDING TO HIS OWN WILL. Hallelujah! Great God of heaven and earth, grant that we shall be EDUCATED—ATTAIN THE KNOWLEDGE OF HIM IN WHICH WE HAVE TO DO—SANCTIFIED—SET APART FOR HIM TO DO HIS PURPOSE IN THE EARTH. Amen.

All to His glory we pray that God shall mold the mind of us to prove His perfect will in the earth to do it, in such a time of need—yea, in such a time as this. (John 17:17.) This text is to the church, exclusively.

To be disappointed by others is bad, but to disappoint others is much worse.

General Overseer Speaks

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There followed Him a very great multitude of people, including women who also bewailed and lamented Him. Jesus turning unto them said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, weep not for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children."

When they came to the place where He was to be crucified it was about nine o'clock Friday morning. There they laid the rough cross upon the ground and with cruel and unmerciful hands stretched the already tired, worn, and fatigued body of the Son of God, and drove the huge iron nails through His hands and His feet into the wooden cross.

He had no sleep nor rest the night before. The early part of the night had been spent with His disciples in the room of the holy supper. The middle part of the night had been spent in the Garden in terrible agony of soul and prayer. The last part of the night had been spent in the hands of His enemies.

He had already suffered in the garden under the weight of a sinful world until He had sweated great drops of blood. He had been smitten, crowned with thorns, and scourged until His physical strength was about exhausted. He had already shed blood through the pores of His skin, from His thorn-pierced brow and his badly beaten and mangled back under the power of a Roman scourge. All this suffering was not in vain and is not to be overlooked in the redemption of man.

The body of Christ was now suspended between the heavens and the earth, with many of the rulers standing by deriding Him, the Roman soldiers mocking and offering Him vinegar to drink, many of the disciples in fear and hiding, Pilate in fear and trembling, and his wife at home weeping. The good women who had followed Christ unto the end were standing in the distance weeping. It was a terrible day. God, looking down from heaven upon the horrifying scene, after about three hours blotted out the light of the sun, and darkness covered all the face of the earth unto the end, which was the ninth hour.

Success can only be reached by one road—that is the road of hard work, with common sense at the steering wheel.

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ROSMAN, N. C.—We are truly thankful for the way God is blessing our church here. We have just closed a four' weeks' revival. There were thirty-one saved, eleven sanctified, eleven filled with the Holy Ghost, six added to the church, and the church built up spiritually.

Brother and Sister Otis Mote rendered music and singing for us the last two weeks of the revival. May God continue to pour out His blessings here in Rosman.—Rev. and Mrs. A. L. Gardin, pastor.

Praise the Lord for Healing Power

ORLANDO, Fla.—On January 18 I went to bed as well as common. I waked up with my left arm numb all over, the numbness even going up to my neck and head. It was terrible. I rubbed it and called on God, but I could not get any ease. I was in a home where they don't pray, in the town of Orlando, Fla., and I didn't know where to send to get anyone. So I knew it was God and me. I could not sleep or even rest. After several hours of suffering I began to take an inventory of my past life. All at once I just looked up with all the faith I could get and said, Lord, if you will heal me I will testify to it. I laid my arm on the Bible and went to sleep. Praise the Lord for His healing power. —Minnie Davis, R. F. D. 3, Box 533.

A Call to Prayer for 1945

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AN OUNCE OF PREVENTION IS WORTH A POUND OF CURE

Yes, pray, "Lord, help us, teach us, guide us, and inspire us so that we will accomplish everything this year that you want us to, so that when we go to the Assembly and take an inventory of the year's work and number our days backward, we will not do it with regret but we will say as you said, dear Lord, to your Father, 'I have glorified thee, I have finished the work that thou gavest me to do'—the Assembly year of 1944 and '45."

God and the Convoy

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publicly thanked God for His safe-keeping.

The convoy reached port at 6 a. m. without one casualty to man or vessel. "What hath God wrought!"—The Prairie Pastor.

No well has ever been left with as much sadness as farewell.

REVIVALS

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Sister Patrick was called into homes of people who didn't even believe in hell, but they were afflicted in body, and God healed them. We thank the Lord for His healing power, and if we want to start a new work somewhere if we will just get hold of God, preach divine healing, then practice it, we can win out victorious over the enemy. Pray for us.—Herbert A. Stone, district pastor.

DARLINGTON, S. C.—We have just closed a glorious revival with Sister Annie Jones and her co-worker, Sister Conner. Ten were converted, five sanctified, three filled with the Holy Ghost and three added to the church. We closed the meeting with the Lord's

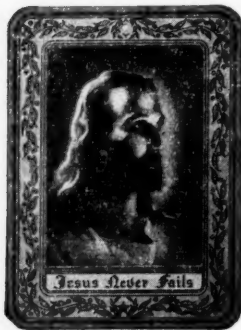
supper and feet washing. The Lord blessed in a great way.

This is a new church and this was the first service of this kind to be held. The future looks bright for the church here. We invite neighboring churches to come over and help us. We covet your prayers.—Ben L. Smith, pastor, York, S. C.

IOWA PARK, Tex.—We just closed a two weeks' revival. Brother J. W. Truett, state evangelist, did the preaching, which seemed to be enjoyed by all who attended. Twelve were saved, three sanctified, three filled with the Holy Ghost, seven baptized in water, and eight added to the church. I am sure Brother Truett can come back to Iowa Park with a big welcome.—J. T. Melton, pastor, Box 465.

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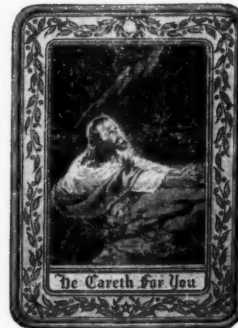
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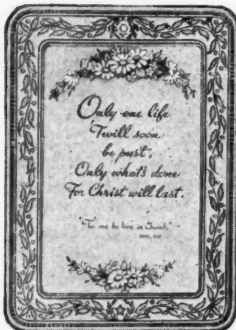
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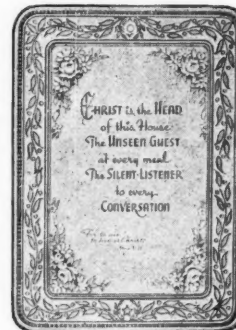
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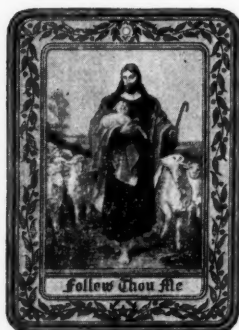
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